

LOCAL NEWS.

**Roberts Fires a Shot at His Partner.**  
The Ball Takes Effect in the Right Shoulder.  
Both of Them Are Locked Up in the County Jail.  
Big Improvements in the Police Department.

**THE JEWELRY.**  
Detective Lucas made a thorough search of the house yesterday, and succeeded in finding the jewelry belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Hiltchcock. He found Mr. Hiltchcock's watch, which he had placed in a box, and the jewelry which he had hidden in a box. The jewelry was found in a box in the room where the murder was committed. The jewelry was found in a box in the room where the murder was committed. The jewelry was found in a box in the room where the murder was committed.

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## FARM AND RANGE.

## A Foe of the Cottony Cushion Scale.

Our Culture—California Seedling Fruit—Good Outlook for Oranges—A Curious Vegetable at Santa Ana—Advantage of Keeping a Cow.

The recent very severe weather has played havoc with citrus trees in the northern part of the State, and has done some damage in low, moist localities of Southern California, where such trees should never have been planted. The great majority of the trees in this section are, however, uninjured. The cold spell will doubtless prove beneficial, as a warning to horticulturists to be very careful in choosing locations for orange orchards.

The orange crop of Southern California will probably not exceed the most conservative estimates made some weeks ago—say from 1500 to 1600 carloads.

There should be a very large acreage planted to wine grapes this season. News from France shows that the world-renowned vineyards of that country are being rapidly destroyed by the phylloxera, and large quantities of wine are being imported from abroad.

The outlook for California wine growers is very bright—has never been so good. We have probably seen the last of very low prices for grapes.

The rich, moist lands of this country have not yet been fully appreciated at their true value. While as much as \$600 an acre is paid for rocky foothill lands, these moist lands, which will yield from \$50 to \$100 an acre yearly, may be purchased for \$150 to \$200 an acre. It is not likely that prices of these lands will long remain so low.

## A Foe of the Cottony Cushion Scale.

(Pacific Ruralist.)

The project of sending some one to Australia to seek out the natural foes of the cottony cushion scale, and to bring them here if any are found, has been under discussion among our horticulturists for a long time. The Riverside convention last spring adopted a resolution favoring the idea, and other horticultural bodies have done likewise since that time. The measure seems to be the wisest from the fact that effective foes of the pest are now being found in Australia, local residents, so that the following letter recently received by State Inspector W. O. Klee from Fraser S. Crawford of Adelaide, South Australia, gives information concerning them and their work:

"I announce the receipt of your letter about the *Icerya* parasite with much pleasure, as I hope it may lead to corresponding results that will be to our mutual advantage.

"I had intended writing to you about this very matter as soon as I found that I was in a position to do something, so that your letter has done much to write sooner than I otherwise would.

"Since Mrs. Ormerod's little work was published I have thought I think it an important discovery, viz., that one of our native coccids, a *Ceratomyza*, is likewise attacked by this parasite fly. The *Ceratomyza* is a very large sluggish insect, capable of living a long time without food, and one that could be conveniently sent through the post. I therefore propose to send you some specimens of coccids taking the chance of their being attacked by the parasite. I will do the same with Maskell in New Zealand. I might also try the effect of sending some *Icerya*, as they might live long enough to survive the voyage.

"The parasite so completely did its work that I have not a single *Icerya* left in my garden. I am now trying to introduce it again, but it has some other enemy that I must find out. Some two months ago, I received a small branch of the common gooseberry covered with *Icerya* eggs nearly full size. One-half, containing say 50 *Icerya*, was placed in a lemon tree, two or three of the finest specimens being put separately. The other part, with about a dozen number, was put in a bottle. Now, at the present time, the gooseberry branch in the lemon is as bare as it could be—not a vestige of the *Icerya* is to be found, but that in the bottle is nearly as thick as ever, although two coccinellid larvae have been living and fattening upon them for the last two months, while the bottle is swimming with hundreds of newly hatched larvae running about. This shows that the coccinellid larvae is not of great efficacy in putting down *Icerya*, what clears off the rest, in my opinion, is an *Icerya* mite that I am quite at a loss to make out, unless birds, and if so, in all probability the English sparrow.

"My next experiment will be to cover over some *Icerya* (should I succeed in rearing some from the larvae in the bottle), with wire netting, so that the bird can get at them, and then note the result.

"As soon as Mr. Klee received this interesting communication, he took steps for the introduction of the fly described by Mr. Crawford, and it is expected that a small amount of the insect will arrive within a few months. Mr. Klee's local assistant, has kindly consented to take charge of the experiment, and will endeavor to multiply them until enough are secured to distribute them for location where they are most needed. For this purpose a small orange tree infested with cottony cushion scale will be sent to you, and you will be able to see the effect of the insect on the scale.

there such a prolific creation of new plants. Horticulture is a most fascinating study or pursuit; it is natural for the fruit-grower or amateur who discovers a fine fruit in his orchard, which has never been planted, or grafted, and therefore a "seedling," to believe this fruit to be a little better than his neighbors', and herein lies the danger of such indefinite multiplication of new fruits, the great majority of which are not distinct enough from other sorts to be entitled to a new name. Such matters should all be decided by the Horticultural Society, which should in their turn be in direct communication with the State Horticultural Society, which has a standing committee on "nomenclature of fruits."

On the other hand, there are, in obscure corners of the State yet to be made known, seedling varieties which are distinct, and are worthy of cultivation.

For those who wish intelligently to raise new seedlings, I would say that can simply think it is thought may be improved must be mature and perfect in every way, picked carefully and laid away in a cool place in a box of damp sand. At the time of planting, the decayed pulp around the seed is all planted together. From careful experiments there seems to be no doubt that the seed is nourished up to the planting time by the pulp covering.

## A Curious Vegetable.

(Santa Ana Blade.)

At Titusville and Morristown is exhibited one of the strangest looking vegetables it has ever been our good fortune to witness. The curiosity is labeled a "Cleveland sweet potato." Its shape is identical with that of the common variety, and it weighs 19 pounds. The strange feature of the potato is the skin, or peel, which covers it with a very rough, bumpy, and somewhat the appearance of the skin of an armadillo. The peel is not thick, and when scraped off the interior of the vegetable is seen to be the same as a common sweet potato.

The vegetable was raised by H. S. Goff at Arch Beach, and we recommend it for the inspection of those who delight in witnessing oddities.

## Notes.

(The importance of the dairying interest may be seen from the fact that when it is remembered that \$300,000,000 is invested in this branch of industry.

A Michigan boy rented two acres of land of a farmer last summer and planted onions. He raised 800 bushels, paid for the land in half the product, and had \$300 worth for his share. He regards the summer as profitable.

Pulled wools are largely used in the manufacture of flannels, and one reason of their being so used is because the process of pulling (either by burning or sweating) destroys the felting properties of the fiber, and so better fits it for use in flannels, which will not so readily shrink in washing.

An authority on hogs says: "If we take all the hogs fattened in the United States in a year and change the time of fattening from cold to warm weather, one-half of the grain now fed would make all the pork. This would be a saving of food, at least, to the amount of \$75,000,000 per year. Glanders has broken out in Lyon county, near Dayton, during the past few weeks, and over 20 horses have been taken with it. The disease was brought over here from California by a man who sold some infected stock to a rancher near Dayton. Thirteen horses have been shot and more will have to go.—[Nev. (Nev.) Gazette.]

George A. Trafton has received 120 pounds of flaxseed from Mr. Hatfield of the Menlo Park Flax Mill, and he will distribute the same among farmers who are desirous of experimenting with the cultivation of flax. Mr. Hatfield visited this valley last October with a view of moving his mill to this valley, but he has since changed his mind, and will remain at the removal until the result of the experiments with the trial seed is known.—[Watsonville Pajaronian.]

## Rough on Sacramento.

(San Francisco Call.)

A rather mean sort of joke was perpetrated in Sacramento during the recent cold snap, when a man named the fell up there. The San Francisco Post says that there has been no stronger advocate for the Northern Citrus Belt than Mayor Gregory of Sacramento, but his enthusiasm has received somewhat of a check during the past few days—in fact, to use his own words, "his heart is broken."

## Keep a Cow.

(Nevada Herald.)

There are a great many men who reside in and about this city who could raise a cow and make a profit by doing so. It only requires a large farm to support one cow and calf. A small plot of land sowed with redtop or alfalfa will produce feed enough for the winter months; a small barn will furnish shelter for both the cow and the calf, and a profit will be gained. People who buy their milk pay almost enough for it in a year to buy a cow. For buttermilk they expend in a year enough to pay for the seed for an enduring crop of clover or alfalfa and the trouble of looking after her welfare. And other improvements are sure to follow when a cow is bought. A little barn must be built. Of course a barn suggests chickens, so a few hens are bought. The hens in turn are suggestive of pigs, and a pig is purchased. In a pen and fattened for winter use. The cow must be fed, and in order to supply feed, a patch of clover is grown. A patch of clover looks better with a few fruit trees in it, and the trees are planted. Then other changed take place in the household. The advent of the cow has been the beginning on a system of improvement that they must milk the cow at a certain hour, and in order to do this they arrange their other duties systematically. And then there is a lessening of the idleness of the place, and a shrinkage in the expense column is perceptible. The old place, which before the cow came was bare and dull, is now bright and cheerful. There are pigs and chickens, milk, butter, eggs, fruit and hay—and the cow! Slowly but surely the cow has worked a revolution about the place; it is more pleasing to the eye, more cozy and homelike, and more valuable. By all means get a cow if you would be happy.

## Good Outlook for Oranges.

(Anheim Gazette.)

It is admitted that the curtailed orange crop this season is mainly due to the cutting down of so many orchards for building purposes. In this section of the State orchards of all kinds will doubtless give way to houses and garden lots. The same cause that led to the cutting down of so many orchards in 1887 will continue from year to year. Home-seekers are coming here in a steady stream, and it may be said in an increasing stream from every part of the continent. The best orange land is about the best residence land. Until the climate radically changes the facts just stated will be facts. Each year increasing demands will be made for orange land for towns and homes. In many localities land is being sold for houses and gardens, which are not warranted by any crop except crops of people. As time rolls on population will demand pretty much all of the good orange and in Southern California for houses and gardens. It is doubtful if the planting of orange orchards has lately increased their acreage, while the demand for good oranges is constantly increasing, and new markets are being opened up by the extension of railways; and cold storage will make them articles of consumption every day in the year wherever freight is carried by land or sea. In view of these facts no person can err who plants the right kinds of orange trees and gives them good care. They are the means of ornamenting the land, enriching the owner and irresistibly attracting purchasers. There is scarcely a possibility of orange-growing before being done, or of choice oranges ever being cheap. Every man who makes a home should plant some orange trees. They are a good investment.

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The hills bowed their heads in grief and sympathy, but the roses didn't mind it one bit. They tossed their heads and blushed as bewitchingly as ever, and the violets nestled close to Mother Earth, and smiled up just as sweet and fragrant as though naughty Jack Frost were not abroad on errands of mischief. But again his icy arctic breath reached the unkind behavior, the head of Phoebe yearned again for his darling. Love that is pure and true never dies, and there is nothing so sweet as "making up" when lovers have been estranged. He lent his warm breath to the breeze that gently warmed her, and quickly she dried her tears, and smiled as she felt again his lips kiss on her cheek. The quarrel is ended; the lovers are reunited, and California is warm and glad and genial once more.

EMILY F. BENNETT.  
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Woman Suffrage.

THIRD PAPER.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—[To the Editor of THE TIMES.] When I read the letter of your fair correspondent I received a terrible shock. I seemed to have experienced the same sensation which the knight in the ballad must have when his recent hand, striking the casque of his opponent with the enchanted sword, revealed the features of his deserted love, and covering before the vision and the cross upon her breast, he fell an easy victim to his foe. But when the horror of the discovery that my challenge had been accepted, and that my defiance had been answered by one of the fair sex, had in a measure subsided, I found that the analogy ceased at that point, for instead of a knight fighting in the ranks of the Paynim, my lance was leveled in the cause of right, of freedom and of justice; and much as I regret that my competitor in the lists should be one of those for whose benefit I, in a poor way, go to battle, still I will not fly ignominiously from the field, nor will I hold my hand.

I have, Mr. Editor, taken a ballot among my female acquaintances. I cannot say positively that the majority of women would or would not prefer to have a vote. But I do most firmly believe that the world would benefit greatly if they had that privilege. I am not aware of anything derogatory to Susan B. Anthony, except the fact that she is not young and that she is not married. Both of which dreadful facts in conjunction with the venerable chestnut that "the flirtation of her brother Mark" "cleopatra" (the name of the play) "loom up in the funny" (the name of the play) "columns of the press at regular intervals."

I personally know of several tender and gentle mothers, true and helpful wives, who think as I do. Not that they desire to become professional politicians, or to take the stump; but that they believe that their quiet influence and votes would help to throw the balance in favor of the right.

It is the cry of tyranny all the world over, first that the slaves do not want their freedom. "It is only a few demagogues that raise the cry, the people are content if you will let them alone." Thus say the martyrs until the proof grows too strong. They change their cry and say: "They are not fit to govern themselves."

"The Neapolitans are a race of liars and to be trusted with power." "The French need a paternal despotism." "The negroes would starve if left to their own resources." The Irish cannot be trusted to govern themselves. So spoke Bourbons and Bonapartes, slaveholders and English Tories. While time has contradicted the false assertions of the former, the latter contradicts himself by putting an iron rule in Canada, India, Australia and the Cape. And all these have found men of their own people, honest, and otherwise intelligent, who have proved the truth of this parrot cry that they have proved themselves the greatest stumbling-blocks to the march of progress. Therefore I regret the mere finding of a woman of such natural ability and such evident honesty as your correspondent enlisted on the side of the enemy.

I am a man, and I am not a fanatic if I were the latter I would be more fitted to do good work, for to be a leader in a new cause one must be fanatical, and, failing that, a natural ability humbly in the rank and file, so believe that the good and evil, the strength and weakness of the sexes should be balanced. Man is superior in some points, women in others. But what I say is, that I demand as a right myself I am willing to concede to others.

I do not speak as one with authority. I represent to none but myself; but I can answer for myself, that I, and I doubt not that all other advocates of woman suffrage, wish the women to have every right that a male citizen can claim as his due. I do not see why a difference in politics need necessarily lead to "war in camp." Sons and brothers, husbands and fathers, warmly, yet bear no ill will—and why not husband and wife? How many times have I not visited a friend of opposite political principles merely for the purpose of having a good rational discussion. What does many a husband leave his home at night for, but for that very purpose. Weary, perhaps, of the sifting, dissection of some married woman, he seeks entertainment elsewhere. Some times the wife does not know anything to speak of, sometimes she fears, for experience, to express an opinion that will be met with a sneer. "Yes, she is a good woman in her place, but then she does not understand things." Her place is everywhere except where it ought most to be—the place of his nearest friend.

I think the ballot in woman's hands would change the result materially in favor of all that is right and just. They might be influenced through their affections, through their impulses, but they are not so susceptible to sordid considerations as men. Boss rule, caucus rule, is becoming a grinding tyranny, and I think home rule, the politics generated at the firesides, would be a vast improvement.

Although the best results to be derived from woman suffrage would naturally be moral ones, yet in all questions, whether of war or peace, of internal improvement, or of public business, the quick intuition of the sex, which instinctively leaps to the side of justice and nobility (in most instances), would mingle to advantage with the slower conclusions of the male, ruled more generally by logic and interest.

One result would follow to the advantage of those women who, in spite of prejudice, of obstacles, of sneers, of obstructions, have pushed through the foisting crowd of hostile, or at least unfriendly, male, and forced themselves into every position, trade or occupation that is open to them, and are daily increasing in numbers, proving that they are fit to hold their own in the world, and that equal work would entitle the worker to equal pay, whether that worker carried a bag on her forehead, or a mustache on his lip.

This introduction of women into the busy marts of commerce, and into the offices of the professional class, has been brought about by the co- (and equal) education given them in our

glorious public schools. Has it resulted as the crackers in our fathers' days predicted in the unsexing of our women? No. They are as fair, as sweet, as good as our grandmothers were; and they are far better company than the girls of even 20 years ago, who used to torture us with the "Maiden's Prayer," as our grandmothers used our granddaughters with the "Battle of Prague."

I do not believe that millennium will come with woman suffrage. I do not come with the crakers in our fathers' days predicted in the unsexing of our women. That will not be wrought by any human effort. But I do expect a vast improvement in our morals and in our social life. When women attain their due influence they ought to demand from the husband they are about to take exactly the same purity which he insists upon in the wife of his choice. As a man said in discussing a proposed platform, "We need laws against gambling, against intemperance, against bigamy, against polygamy, but we don't want them." Well, for my part I do. Though the walls of my house may be more or less composed of vitreous material, I favor this stone of justice, and I will let the glass rattle about my ears if it will.

I promise your correspondent that when we set about electing scavengers she will find that the amount of bonds voted two or three years since by the city for its improvement, how appointed, and what has been done to that part intended for a sewer system? There is no subject of so much moment to our citizens as this one of sewerage, and there certainly seems to be something radically wrong somewhere, that a matter of such vital importance is so delayed or neglected. Can you tell us the fault given our city engineers, and how they have failed to comprehend the situation, or understanding it, is there a lack of ability to take hold of the business and carry it to completion? This city cannot long afford to remain in its present unprotected state. Thousands of vaults and cesspools, with their foul and deadly gases, are crowding one another in the thick-set districts, spreading disease with every breath. What is to be done? What is being done? Why not a public meeting of the citizens, to discuss the matter, the filth of the city, the ocean? It is not the duty of every good citizen to urge upon the Councilmen of his ward the necessity of thorough and speedy sanitary legislation. And Mr. Editor, no newspaper of our city can do more good than by keeping this question in question, simply and constantly before those in authority and property owners until relief is given. If we expect to continue our growth in health, in public spirit and public works. All progressive cities look to this emergency and meet it. I sometimes think we have very little to show for the vast sum of money annually amassed by taxation.

By ordinance No. 175, entitled an ordinance to provide for the issue of bonds for the purpose of making certain necessary improvements, adopted by the Council at its meeting June 30, 1885, and approved by Mayor E. C. Spence, the amount of \$245,000 were issued. These bonds are known as the general improvement bonds of the city of Los Angeles, and are payable on or before the expiration of 20 years from the date of their issue. These bonds were approved as follows:

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